### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023



# The Catholic Community of St. David the King

Fr. Jason M. Parzynski, Administrator Fr. Timothy J. Capewell, Pastor Emeritus Deacon Thomas Baker

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:00 pm

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 pm Thursday 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm First Saturday 9:30 - 10:00 am

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Open after weekend Masses

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 9:00 am First Saturday 9:00 am

#### DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena Following Monday Mass

St. Jude Novena
Following Wednesday Mass

Communal Rosary Following Friday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:00 - 8:45 am Tuesday 9:30 - 12 Noon

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#### MASS INTENTIONS FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### December 3, 2023

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved "~ Psalm: 80

Monday, December 4

ADORATION

9:00 am

John J. & Anne Chadwick, dec.

req. by the Chadwick family

Neighbors on Dorchester, sp.int.

req. by Jerry & Maryann

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

**ADORATION** 

9:00 am

Lisa Seluchins, dec.

req. by the Provine family

Elizabeth Stripp, dec.

req. by Ray & Kerry Rigoletto

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

ADORATION

9:00 am William O'Dell, Sr., dec.

req. by William O'Dell

Neighbors on Dorchester, sp.int.

req. by Jerry & Maryann

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am

Walter Barrasi, dec.

reg. by Jules & Sharon Nemeth

Jerry Diello, dec.

req. by the Garver family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

9:00 am

Deacon Roger Dinella, dec. req. by Fr. Jason, Fr. Tim & staff

Margaret F. Chadwick, dec.

req. by the Chadwick family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 pm Daniel Gomes, dec.

Robert Gomes, dec.

req. by the Mendes family

Marie & Joseph Giurano, dec.

req. by Mark Giurano & family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00 pm Lena Casella, dec.

Sunday reg. by Joe & Diana Micallef Vigil

John & Helen Grbic, dec.

reg. by Robert & Diane Grbic

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am John Miller, dec.

req. by Rose Wiener

John Lucky, dec.

req. by Alan & Adele Humphrey

10:30 am Angeline Pacifico, dec.

reg. by the Smutek family

Mark Higgins, dec.

req. by his daughter Donna Roth

4:00 pm Ron & Barbara Russell, dec.

req. by the Siejk family

Philip Parisi, dec.

req. by his loving wife & family

THE TABERNACLE LAMP SHINES BEFORE ALL



November 26 - December 9

IN MEMORY OF JOHN ANDERSON

Requested by the Garver family

THE MARIAN CANDLE SHINES BEFORE THE BLESSED MOTHER



December 3 - December 9

**SPECIAL INTENTION** 

Requested by Cheryl Ellsworth

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Friday, December 8

**Holy Day of Obligation** 

Masses at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Fr. Jason

Saturday, December 9

#### **ADORATION**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am - 8:45 am

Tuesday 9:30 am - Noon



**After Morning Mass:** 

Monday - Miraculous Medal Novena Wednesday - St. Jude Novena

Friday - Communal Rosary



#### CHRISTMAS 2023 MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 4:00 pm - in the Church and Great Hall 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm - Church

4:00 pm in the Church will be livestreamed

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Monday, December 25 10:30 am & 12 noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1 9:00 am

### SAVE THE DATE, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Advent Penance Service - see page 5

#### YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST REFLECTION

St. Bonaventure (1221-1274) worked to reconcile opposing factions within the Franciscan Order, earning him the title of "the second founder" of the Franciscans. Here, he reflects on the veiled nature of the sacramental system and argues God's wisdom in its institution. For, if Christ were to visibly appear to man, Bonaventure explains that man could not merit by faith. Furthermore, he notes the natural barrier that would be posed if human flesh were to visibly appear in the Eucharist. In everything, St. Bonaventure emphasizes the virtue of faith, which rises above all human understanding.

"You should note that it was fitting for Christ to be given to us under a veil. For, what strength would your faith have if Christ were to visibly appear to you in His own proper form?

You certainly would adore Him immediately. Or how would your physical eyes be able to bear such glory? Who would be so foolish to say that he could eat and drink the natural flesh and blood of a man in its own proper form? Let every doubt pass away, because as divinity once lay hidden in the Virgin's womb, and the Son of God appeared visibly in the world under the veil of human flesh, so His glorified humanity, united to divinity, lies hidden under the form of bread and wine so that He can communicate Himself to us mortals."



# EXPERIENCE THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT AT St. David The King!

#### December 13 - January 1 Great Hall

St. David the King is privileged to have the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit visit our parish. Please join us in taking advantage of this wonderful experience this Advent and Christmas during the Year of the Eucharist.

#### Dates and Times of the Exhibit

See next week's bulletin for specific days and times the exhibit will be open before, during and after Christmas.

#### What is this exhibit?

This traveling exhibit has been created by the Diocese of Trenton to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis to catalogue all of the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.

http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/

#### What will you see?

The exhibit, which has been travelling around the parishes of our diocese, has panels with information about the Eucharistic miracles. Each panel names a miracle, recounts the story of its occurrence and the country where it took place. The panels are arranged in chronological order from the early Third Century to 2013. Be sure to notice the date on the timeline and some of the world events that will help you to place in within the historical era.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Great Hall

Wednesday, December 13 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, December 18 to Thursday, December 21 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### GUARDIANS OF THE EUCHARIST NEEDED

During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **two (2) guardians** are needed to ensure someone is present at all times during Adoration.

Volunteer sessions are 30 minutes. If you would like to serve as a Guardian of the Eucharist, please visit the link below to sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/904054CAFA728A5FB6-46297177-guardians#/

#### CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Due TODAY, Sunday, December 3

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations can be found with your weekly contribution envelopes and on the table in the Gathering Space.

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones listed in the Sunday, December 24 bulletin, please place your donation envelope with the names to be published in the collection basket or hand it in at the Parish Office by today, Sunday, December 3.



Saturday, December 16 6:00 pm St. David the King Great Hall

Boheme Opera NJ Presents

Amahl and the Night Visitors

TICKETS
Adults: \$30
Children 12 & Under: FREE

A portion of all proceeds will be donated to St. David the King Church

<u>Special Note</u>: Although children aged 12 and under will be admitted for free, tickets are required for them so we can monitor the number of children 12 and under who attend the performance.

To purchase tickets or get more information, visit: <a href="https://www.bohemeopera.org/amahl-and-the-night-visitors">https://www.bohemeopera.org/amahl-and-the-night-visitors</a>



### A FILIPINO ADVENT MASS SIMBANG GABI

Monday, December 18 7:00 pm

### 2024 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLAN THIS FESTIVAL

If you have a love for Christmas and want to help keep Christ in Christmas in addition to having the desire to bring the heart of Christmas to Mercer County right here at Saint David the King, then this planning committee might be for you!

Fr. Jason is looking for 20 people to form a Christmas Festival Committee to begin planning our first ever parish Christmas Festival for **November 29 -December 1, 2024**!

This envisioned festival will have everything from an ice skating rink, food truck vendors, games and activities for the whole family, making Cookies with Mrs. Claus, Giant Tree Lighting and Christmas Carols, Live Nativity, and even an opportunity to visit with Santa (aka St. Nicholas)!

The idea is grand, but simple, we bring the joy of Christmas to the parish and weave throughout catechesis about the real meaning of Christmas!

To share in this creative vision and evangelization effort, contact Fr. Jason at <u>FrJason@StDavidtheKing.com</u>.

### THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS:

Information Session At St. DTK This Thursday, Dec. 7 - 1:00 pm

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps, <u>ivcusa.org</u>, a Jesuit ministry, offers experienced men and women (most age 50+) exceptional volunteer opportunities.

IVC works in partnership with hundreds of nonprofit organizations that serve individuals who have slipped through this country's safety net. Ignatian volunteers usually serve two days a week and may also take part in regular local gatherings with their fellow IVC volunteers, reflecting prayerfully on the work they are doing and supporting one other in their commitment.

John Green, IVC's director for Philadelphia and our local area, will host this information session. To register for the session visit <a href="mailto:bit.ly/IVC-Dec7">bit.ly/IVC-Dec7</a>. If you are unable to attend, email John Green at <a href="mailto:jgreen@ivcusa.org">jgreen@ivcusa.org</a> with your name and questions.

#### COLUMBIETTE SOCK DRIVE THANK YOU

The Columbiettes gratefully thank everyone who contributed socks for men, women, children and infants. Over 1,000 pairs of socks were donated! We are now distributing them to various local charities and veterans. May God bless you for your generosity.

#### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Thursday, December 14 6:30 pm

Prepare for the birth of Jesus by joining us for our Advent Penance Service which will be held in the main church.

There will be several visiting priests assisting Fr. Jason in hearing confessions.

# WEEKLY TITHING REPORT "GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

**NOVEMBER 26, 2023** 

Weekly Offering Total: \$18,355.52

Online Offering: \$8,365.52

(Online Offering is included in Weekly Offering Total)

Average Weekly Budgeted expenses: \$29,031.92

**Individuals Attending: 834** 



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**Text to Give** is also available by texting your donation to **609-733-5558** and following the prompts.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie at 609-275-7111, ext. 325 or <a href="maggie-mprovine@stdavidtheking.com">mprovine@stdavidtheking.com</a>.

#### PRAYER GARDEN

#### Paver & Plaque Dedications Available

For **Christmas**, why not consider dedicating an item in our prayer garden as a gift for someone special or to honor a loved one, living or deceased. This is a long lasting gift that also supports our parish community.

To dedicate a plaque or paver or if you have any questions, contact Maggie Provine at 609-275-7111, ext. 325 or <a href="maggie-provine@stdavidtheking.com">mprovine@stdavidtheking.com</a>. Order forms are also available at the Parish Office.



#### SOCIAL CONCERNS



#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE THIS WEEKEND

Gift tag selection: December 2 & 3 Gift return: December 10

Please support this wonderful project and make a child's Christmas brighter.

#### **LIFE LONG FAITH FORMATION**



This will be a terrific time to catch up with old friends and meet a few new ones, too!

Is there someone you know who has drifted away from the church? Bring them to this joyful evening. The faith-filled lyrics of the beautiful Christmas carols and warm fellowship may touch their hearts and rekindle their desire to practice their faith!



# CHRISTMAS BAKERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL!

Bake a batch of your favorite Christmas Cookies to bring with you and share the night of the festival.

If you have questions or would like to help by bringing in Christmas cookies to share, contact Colleen Cosgrove at **Ccosgrove@stdavidthekingnj.com.** See you there!





#### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Are you unable to receive communion due to Celiac's disease or a gluten intolerance?

We have low gluten and super low gluten hosts available that are approved by the USCCB for use at Mass. Please notify a staff member or see one of the ushers upon arrival at Mass so that one can be given to Father for consecration. The priest celebrating the Mass will have the consecrated host at Communion.

If you would like more information about low gluten hosts, contact Maggie Provine at 609-275-7111, ext. 325 or <a href="majority">mprovine@stdavidtheking.com</a>.



#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,

25- 27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday**: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2

Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

# CONSIDERING A STOCK DONATION TO THE PARISH THIS CHRISTMAS?

The parish accepts donations of stock and other appreciated securities. This is a tax effective way to maximize your donation, while reducing your income tax burden.

If you would like to donate stocks or securities this Christmas, please contact Maggie Provine at mprovine@stdavidtheking.com or 609-275-7111, ext. 325 for more information.



#### PRAY THE ROSARY

Join us every Friday for Mass at 9:00 am followed by recitation of the Rosary.

#### Parish Counseling Services

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton and Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning.

The fee is \$90.00 per session and if needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

Contact Fr. Jason at 609-275-7111, ext. 325 for additional information and a confidential referral.



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